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FOLK-LORE SCRAP-BOOK.

SELLING WARTS. — There is a vein of superstition running through the mind of every individual, but in some districts this is more fully carried out than in others. Especially is this the case in settlements where the German or Irish race predominates. Lancaster County is full of it, and one would imagine that the city would be comparatively free from it, owing to the more enlightened condition of the people. The above remarks have been prompted through an incident which occurred yesterday. In walking along Orange Street a gentleman noticed a clean white envelope lying on the pavement. It was sealed but had no address or stamp upon it. On opening the envelope, to ascertain its contents, a sheet of note paper was withdrawn, which had a penny folded up in it. On the centre of the sheet of paper were three red spots arranged in a triangular shape, and below them the ominous inscription in ink, WART BLOOD. It was a clear case of an old superstition bobbing up and which the gentleman had often heard tell of, namely, that of selling a wart or warts to the unlucky finder of the package who would appropriate the penny to his own use. The same superstition is common in some localities hereabouts in regard to putting some roaches in such a parcel along with some money and selling them. — *From the Lancaster (Pa.) Morning News, June* 28, 1890.

PLEASE GIVE ME A BOW. — The latest fad among the school children of this city is to ask people they meet for a bow of the head. After school hours hundreds of youngsters, both boys and girls, can be seen passing along the streets on their way home with paper and pencil in hand. They accost every one they meet and say, "Please give me a bow." If the question is not understood they sometimes say, "Bob your head," or "Duck your nut." When the bow is given, as it generally is, wonderingly, the youngster marks one stroke on the paper. When one hundred marks, representing one hundred bows are obtained, the children bury the paper when no one is looking, and at the same time make a wish. At the end of four days the paper is unearthed and then, they say, the "wish always comes true." — *From the San Francisco Call, May*, 1890.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE IRISH TINKERS AND THEIR LANGUAGE. — In the preceding number of this Journal (p. 157) was copied from the "Journal of the Gypsy Folk-Lore Society" (vol. ii. No. 2), a communication relating to the tinkers' jargon called "Shelta." The same number of the Journal in question contains an additional list of words belonging to Tinkers' Talk, which are here given.